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TOPIC Military Activity in the Northern Portion of the Soviet Zone

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Information

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1. At 0900 on 14 September 1954, 43 trucks with TMP-pontoon sections left the Seeckt Kaserne (5287) in Magdeburg. Motor vehicles were seen. After the departure of the column, the installation was only lightly occupied until 25 September by soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets.¹ 25X1
2. On 27 September, the Fritsch Kaserne (5544) in Schwerin was occupied by only a guard detail.² 25X1
3. At 1520 on 24 September, 4 M-13 rocket launchers and about 6 trucks left the restricted area in Gerhart Hauptmann Strasse in Neustrelitz. At 1530, 6 x 122-mm field howitzers, approximately 25 trucks and 2 field kitchens left the Grenadier Kaserne (2225) in Neustrelitz toward Wesenberg-Mirow.³ 25X1
4. At 1430 on 21 September, 3 troop trains were seen at the Priort railroad station northwest of Potsdam. The first train carried T-34/85 tanks and the second train only trucks . The third train was being loaded with approximately 22 motorcycles and trucks. The trains included boxcars occupied by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank or artillery insignia and blue-bordered black epaulets. The engines of the trains were headed south.⁴ 25X1
5. On 23 September, 8 troop trains, which came from the Neuruppin area, were unloaded at the Dallgow-Doebritz railroad station. The last train carried 12 x 100-mm AT guns, 12 prime movers and 1 truck with field kitchen.⁵ All trains returned to the Neuruppin area immediately after unloading.⁶
6. On 24 September, a train with pontoons went from Templin to Ferchland/Elbe.⁷
7. On 21 and 22 September, advance details, each of approximately 120 soldiers, arrived at the Pionier Kaserne (5442) and the Infanterie Kaserne (5451) in Rathenow. A total of 22 trucks, some of which carried billeting equipment, were seen with the advance details. A German driver who worked with the Soviets stated that the units stationed at Altengrabow were expected to return to the post within a few days.

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8. During the second half of September, the first elements, predominantly officers with families, returned to the Ziethen Kaserne (5444) in Rathenow. A foreman of the Rathenow special construction bureau stated that the Soviet units were to return to the Rathenow post in late September and early October.⁸ 25X1
9. Between 20 and 25 September, intensive flying activity of individual aircraft was observed day and night over the Rathenow area.⁹ 25X1
10. Between 0830 and 1015 on 25 September, the following shipment was unloaded at the Berlin-Schoeneweide railroad station: 25X1
 8 T-34/85 tanks JSU-152 gun, 7 BA-64 armored 25X1
 scout cars, approximately 10 armored personnel carriers
 approximately 15 trucks 25X1
 radio truck 2 jeeps and approximately 200 soldiers. The column left toward Wuhlheide.¹⁰ 25X1
1. Comment. Units of the 36th Pan Bridge Regt of the GSFG probably left the installation for entraining at the Magdeburg-Rothensee railroad station. the units transferred to Kummerdort. 25X1
2. Comment. Beginning on 25 September, units of the I X Mtz Rifle Corps from Schwerin, Hagenow and the Wittstock training grounds transferred to the RBD Berlin on 12 trains, probably for fall exercises. 25X1
3. Comment. At the same time, elements of the unidentified Hvy Tank BP Regt of the 9th Gds Tank Div from Neubrandenburg moved to the Penzlin area. Since, according to the present information, artillery units of the division transferred to another area, the division apparently has not yet prepared for a major exercise involving all components. 25X1
4. Comment. The trains carried units which participated in exercises of units of the 10th Gds Tank Div in the Cottbus-Lieberose area. 25X1
5. Comment. According to the guns, units of the 2d Light Arty Brig of the Second Gds Mech Army apparently participated in the exercise of the 1st Mech Div in the Naer-Nauruppin area. 25X1
6. Comment. The empty trains probably had to be made available for the movement to Wiesenburg of the 12th Gds Tank Div, during movement which four shipments were observed between 25 and 27 September. 25X1
7. Comment. Units of the 194th Engr Bn of the 25th Tank Div may have transferred to Ferchland where, units of the 88th Engr Regt (?) of the Second Gds Mech Army had moved on 22 September. 25X1
8. Comment. All observations indicate that the Hq units of the IV Arty Corps and the brigades of the 6th Arty Div will soon return to Rathenow from Altengrabow. 25X1

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9. Comment. The air activity may have been connected with exercises of the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps which were under way in the Letzling Heath during the period.

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10. Comment. elements of the 24th Gds Mech Regt of the 7th Gds Mech Div returned probably from exercises of the division in the Cottbus-Lieberose area.

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